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## **COLUMBIA WOMAN SENTENCED FOR FALSIFYING INCOME TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HOUSING AID**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for providing false information in order to qualify for a federal housing subsidy that she was not entitled to receive.

**Donna Marie Sly**, 41, of Columbia, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to five years of probation. The court also ordered **Sly** to pay \$22,761 in restitution to the federal government.

On March 16, 2004, **Sly** pleaded guilty to providing false information in a re-certification form on June 13, 2001, in order to qualify for Section 8 housing, a federal subsidy administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Sly** under-reported and concealed her income, and failed to disclose her husband's income and that he was living in the home with her, in order to receive the federal housing subsidy.

**Sly** also admitted that she has received overpayments of approximately \$22,761 from HUD since 1998 by providing false information on her annual re-certification form in June 2001, 2002, and 2003.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. It was investigated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General.

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